

New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission
Commission Meeting
April 6, 2015
15-04

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman
Anthony B. Urban, Secretary
Frederick H. Booth, Member (via conference call)
Dennis H. Caza, Member
Michael J. Gatsas, Member
Lynn M. Presby, Member
Paul M. Kelley, Director
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director
Valerie King, Procedures Administrator
Stephen Johnston, Supervisor-Gaming Operations
Suzanne Robidoux, Gaming/Licensing Supervisor
Amir Alic, Auditor
Stratos Argiras, Auditor
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Nick Bonardi, Gregg Barber, Ryan Gloddy, Ed Callahan, Dick Bouley, Jamie Timbas, Jan DiMarzio, Rick Newman and others

Chairman Connors called the meeting to order 11:00 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Caza and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the minutes dated March 16, 2015.

The Games of Chance/Bingo/Lucky 7 warning letters spreadsheet was reviewed. Deputy Director Naik noted that all responses have been received. The spreadsheet was accepted and placed on file.

The Games of Chance State and Charity revenue spreadsheets were reviewed and placed on file.

Director Kelley stated that Representative Abrami of the House Ways and Means Committee contacted him on behalf of Representative Majors, Chairman of Ways and Means, requesting that the Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission take a position on SB120. Director Kelley reviewed the action taken by the Commission relative to SB120 back in July 2012. Mr. Rick Newman addressed the Commission stating that SB120 does allow for a secondary game operator applicant to be permitted to work upon submitting a complete application for same. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to allow applicants for a secondary game operator license, who have submitted a complete application to RCGC, to work until a permanent license is issued or denied. In section VII, line 6 of SB120, the Commission voted to change the words "valid for up to 90 days" to "valid for up to 45 days". Director Kelley will contact Representative Abrami.

E-max Gaming Corporation submitted additional information regarding data availability of the E-Max E-BOT dispenser electronic pull tab system. The item was reviewed and placed on file.

Procedures Administrator King provided rulemaking timelines for the Bingo and Games of Chance rules. The draft Bingo rule has been provided to the Commission for their review, and the Game of Chance draft rule will be provided by the end of this week. Discussion ensued. The Commission will target the May meeting to finalize and approve the rule for entering the official rulemaking process.

Deputy Director Naik provided copies of the Commission statistics for fiscal period July 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015. Due to time constraints, this report was not available when the agenda packet was mailed to the Commissioners. It was reviewed and placed on file.

Correspondence:

- a. Letter from Chair of Senate Finance Committee regarding the agency budget presentation to the Committee on April 8th – Director Kelley asked that any of the Commissioners who were available attend and lend their support to the process. If time allows, a presentation will also be made regarding the merger of RCGC and the Lottery Commission.
- b. Letter from the Executive Director of the NH Governor's Commission on Disability regarding accessibility award criteria and the 2015 nomination form.

Correspondence was accepted and placed on file.

Old Business:

- Director Kelley provided copies of an email he received from Mr. Ed Callahan regarding the resolved contract dispute between Monarch Content Management and Mid-Atlantic Cooperative. Mr. Callahan was in attendance and stated that the terms of the agreement weren't as favorable as he would have liked but was pleased that the dispute is resolved.
- Director Kelley noted that Hinsdale Harness LLC opened as planned and he and Deputy Director Naik visited the location in March.

New Business:

- Chairman Connors stated that Seabrook Park is being sold. Though no papers have been signed as of yet, the facility will shut down within 30-60 days of the signing of the papers. Discussion ensued regarding how to expand simulcast wagering opportunities in the state. On a motion by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner Urban and voted to find a senator who will sponsor filing an amendment to a current bill to allow multiple simulcast wagering locations to operate within the State of New Hampshire. Commissioner Presby was opposed at this time, preferring to obtain more information prior to filing an amendment.
- Director Kelley noted that it had been brought to his attention that Mr. Keith Fournier, a Primary Game Operator, was out of compliance with a Commission Decision and Order issued on November 24, 2014. Mr. Fournier did not report the new charges brought against him. Discussion ensued. The Commission orders that Mr. Fournier's license be suspended for failure to report. Director Kelley will notify him.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, at 11:40 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Caza, seconded by Commissioner Urban and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting:

Connors	-	Yes
Booth	-	Yes
Caza	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., location to be determined.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony B. Urban
Secretary